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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on November 7, 2011 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Claim 61 improperly includes bracketing and a strike-through in paragraph (e) which is improper as noted in MPEP section 1453 [see example V (D)]. In addition, a supplemental reissue declaration is required as noted in the response. Applicant may also wish to attend to the following claim issues: Claim 30 (c) – line 6 – “to conducting member” is vague; Claim 71 (a) – line 5 - “at two electrical” is vague; Claims 72 and 81 relate to methods but fail to include any additional method steps; and Claim 78 (b) – “and that is attached to the electrode” is unclear. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lee Cohen whose telephone number is (571)272-4763. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda Dvorak can be reached on 571-272-4764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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